





City of Loma Linda Official Report

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COUNCIL AGENDA: March 22, 2005
TO: City Council
VIA: Dennis R. Halloway, City Manager 
FROM: Rolland M. Crawford, Fire Marshal 
SUBJECT: Resolution Adopting and Supporting the Citizen Corps

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council: Adopt the Resolution Adopting and Supporting the Citizen Corps.

BACKGROUND

City Council has authorized the establishment of a Citizen Corps Council, and has designated members to be on the Council – please see attached Staff Report.

ANALYSIS

The adoption of the Resolution is the final step required by FEMA in order to enable the transfer of designated equipment and any applicable funding to support our Citizen Emergency Response Teams and other volunteer groups.

ENVIRONMENTAL

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No direct financial impact, other than the enabling of receipt of funds and equipment provided by FEMA via the County Office of Emergency Services.


ATTACHMENTS

Staff Report for the April 13, 2004, City Council Meeting.



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COUNCIL AGENDA: April 13, 2004
TO: City Council
VIA: Dennis R. Halloway, City Manager
FROM: Rolland M. Crawford, Director of Public Safety/Fire Chief 
SUBJECT: Appointment of Members to Citizen Corps Council

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council: Appoint members to the Citizen Corps Council according to the attached list.

BACKGROUND

At the December 16, 2003 Council Meeting, approval was given for the establishment of a Citizen Corps Council as initiated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 2002. The Citizen Corps Program brings together leaders from law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, emergency management, volunteer organizations, and the private sector to provide oversight for involving citizens in emergency planning and response, homeland security, promoting family preparedness and safety through public education and outreach, training opportunities, and volunteer programs. The components of the Citizen Corps Program are: Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Neighborhood Watch Programs, Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). The Citizen Corps Council will ultimately provide management oversight and support for the various citizen volunteer programs within the City.

ANALYSIS

The purpose of the Citizen Corps Council is to designate decision makers who will come to the table to manage existing volunteer resources, to leverage mutually supportive endeavors among the represented groups, and to direct overall local plans to implement Citizen Corps in the community. By design, all Citizen Corps Councils are administered by a public safety agency, such as law or fire. In Loma Linda's case, administration will be provided by the Department of Public Safety.

Following appointment of members to the Council, a letter will be forwarded to the Operational Area (OA) lead agency, the San Bernardino County Offices of Emergency Services, indicating the makeup of Loma Linda's Citizen Corps Council. Upon determination by the OA lead agency that the Council formation has met the prescribed council member guidelines, they will inform us to that effect. We will then submit a resolution approved by the City Council that will be kept on file with the OA. This will complete the steps required for the City to qualify for receiving FEMA grant monies to support our programs.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Establishment of the Council is a step in the enabling actions required by FEMA, in order to receive Federal grant funds designated for CERT and other volunteer programs.

ATTACHMENT

Recommended list of members to be appointed to the Loma Linda Citizen Corps Council:

1. Chamber of Commerce Representative: Phil Joley (President, representing the Business Community).
2. Citizen Volunteer Representative: Norm Meyer (retired City Council Member, member and participant in the City's RACES program).
3. Community At Large Representative: Dick Wiley (long-time participant in City volunteer activities).
4. Federal Institutions Representative: Lucy Rebuck (acting head of Safety Office, Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Administration Medical Center).
5. Private Institutions Representative: Ehren Ngo (Program Director for the Emergency Medical Care Program, LLU, representing LLUAHSC).
6. Private Schools Representative: L. Roo McKenzie (head Principal, Loma Linda Academy).
7. Public Schools Representative: David Rigalado (Principal of Bryn Mawr School).
8. Department of Public Safety Representative: Rolland Crawford (Director of Public Safety/Fire Chief).
9. Sheriff's Department Representative: Hector Guerra (Sheriff's Lieutenant).

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMA LINDA,
ADOPTING AND SUPPORTING THE CITIZEN CORPS**

WHEREAS, the President of the United States challenged all Americans to commit themselves to volunteer services, and asked cities and counties across the country to create Citizen Corps Councils to bring together first responders, volunteer organizations, law enforcement agencies, and other community-serving institutions; and

WHEREAS, the primary objectives of a Citizen Corps Council are to match the needs of first responders with the skills and abilities of volunteers to make the community safer; to educate the public on safety; spearhead the efforts to offer citizens new and existing volunteer opportunities; and promote Citizen Corps programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council realizes the importance of volunteers in the community and realizes the role they play in Neighborhood Watch, Citizens on Patrol (Citizen Patrol), and Community Emergency Response Teams; and

WHEREAS, the City is continuously revising its emergency operations plans and exercising emergency preparedness roles; and

WHEREAS, the City has an established Disaster Council, a Disaster Preparedness Program, and has authorized the establishment of a Citizen Corps Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Loma Linda hereby establishes a Citizen Corps Council to bring together the volunteer activities that make the community safer, stronger, and better prepared to better respond to any emergency situation, and that the City Disaster Preparedness Program shall incorporate such measures to meet the goals outlined by the Citizen Corps program.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council this 22nd day of March 2005 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Karen Gaio Hansberger, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela Byrnes-O'Camb, City Clerk